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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT: Roland Lippoldt
SERIAL NO: 09/814,229
FILED: March 21, 2001
FOR: Locking Device for a Closure with a Housing
EXAMINER: Carlos Luga Group 3676

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Commissioner for Patents
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AMENDMENT

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated November 12, 2004 (a request for a three-month extension of time being enclosed), in which the Examiner requested to subministrate an amendment to a substitute specification, which was filed on July 16, 2004, objected to the Abstract, rejected Claims 20-34 for allegedly being indefinite, rejected Claim 34 as being

unpatentable over the prior art, and indicated that Claim 20 would become allowable upon having been rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, together with claims 21-33 dependant on claim 20.

The Examiner's indication of the allowability of Claims 20-33 has been duly noted.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows: